

MARYLAND COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS (MCIA)

MEETING

March 1, 2010

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Banneker-Douglas Museum
84 Franklin Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Administrator's Report

Events November 2, 2009 thru February 24, 2010

Week of December 1st, 2009

Administrator MCIA: E. Keith Colston

- Attended the Arrival Ceremony for His Excellency Dr. Manmohan Singh – Prime Minister of the Republic of India and Mrs. Gursharan Kaur. Welcomed by President Obama and Mrs. Obama. In attendance, Vice-President Biden, Secretary of State Hilary Rodham Clinton. Held in the White House, Washington, DC. November 24th, 2009.
- Attended the American Indian Heritage Day State Holiday Celebration Dinner. Keynote Speaker was Secretary Edward Chow – MD Department of Veteran Affairs. Delegate Peter Murphy and Delegate Talmadge Branch as guest speakers. David Lee – Supervisor of GOCI Commissioners presented the Proclamation. Auriel Fenwick – Chair for MCIA gave opening remarks. Dance presentation by Piscataway Tribal members. Red Earth Singer from North Carolina provided traditional singer for dancers. Tribal Leaders in Attendance: Chief Billy Tayac – Piscataway Indian Nation, Chief Mervin Savoy – Piscataway Conoy Confederacy and Sub-tribes, Chief Rudy Hall – Accohannock Tribe. Held at the Miller Senate Building, Annapolis, MD. November 27th, 2009.
- Attended the Holy Cross Health Fair Pow-wow. In attendance, Rico Newman – Traditional Speaker for Piscataway Conoy Confederacy and Sub-tribes. Red Earth Singers – Haliwa Saponi from North Carolina, Red Blanket Singers – Lenapi from New Jersey. Held at 1500 Forest Glen Road – Holy Cross Hospital, Montgomery County, MD. November 28th, 2009.
- Lectured and Performed for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Contact person: Agent John Sheridan. Held at the Baltimore Division Office, Baltimore, MD. November 30th, 2009.
- Attended meeting with Department of Human Resources. Meeting focused on policy additions concerning Foster Care for Native American Children and Self-identified Tribal members. Held at DHR, Baltimore, MD. December 2, 2009.

Week of December 14th, 2009

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- Attended the Joint Commissions Meeting hosted by GOCI. Commissioners in attendance: Thomas Windsor, Cornelius Reddeer, Wanda Lee. Shelly Major attended as a representative for Accohannock Tribal Group. Location: Baltimore City, MD. December 15th, 2009
- Attended meeting with Phil Deters. Discussion dealt with Recognition Petitions for Piscataway Indian Nation, Piscataway Conoy Tribe and Accohannock Tribe of Eastern Shore. Discussion on Individual comment relating to Piscataway Conoy Tribe. Discussed ACORN Fund concerning Fair Island, MD. Location: GOCI. December 16th.
- Attended Meeting with Paula Mathias with the Register of Wills. Discussion reference to American Indians preparing living wills. Location: Baltimore City, MD. December 17th, 2009.
- Preparing Annual Report for MCIA.

Week of January 4th, 2010

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- Attended GOCI Staff Meeting. Presented list of projects for January thru March. Policy Change concerning Foster Care for American Indians (self-identified). Repatriation and Recognition. Attendance - GOCI staff. Location - GOCI, Baltimore, MD. January 4th, 2010.
- Attended Joint Commissions Post Meeting. Commented briefly to Chief of Staff concerning location, meeting space and cost. Attendance - Commission Administrators, members of GOCI. Location - GOCI, Baltimore, MD. January 5th, 2010.
- Attended State Highway Administration meeting. Concerning - MD 328 over Tuckahoe Creek Cultural Resource MOA. Specific to meeting - Documentation of human remains, Scheduling field visits and continued consultation with MCIA and Indigenous groups (Nause-Waiwash), Options for protecting the known ossuary, Potential need for temporary removal of remains from site prior to reburial in cases of unforeseen circumstances, reburial ceremonies. Attendance - SHA staff, Chief Sewell Winterhawk Fitzhugh (Nause-Waiwash), Andy Stout (The Archaeological Conservancy), David R Thompson (Attorney At Law), Mr. Edward Koubeck (owner of the property). Location - SHA Building, Baltimore, MD. January 5th, 2010.
- Attended Ethics Commission Meeting. Attendance - Commission Administrators. Location - GOCI, Baltimore, MD. January 5th, 2010.
- Attended the Senior Citizens luncheon. Met with Redial Hunt (Chair) to discuss partnering with MCIA and Department of Aging and Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Attendance - 21 elders of Baltimore American Indian community. Location - Senior Citizens Building, Baltimore, MD. January 7, 2010.

Week of January 11th, 2010

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- Continued preparation and planning for MCIA Commissioners Retreat. Date of event will be January 23rd, 2010. Time will be from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Location of event will be at the Baltimore American Indian Center, 113 South Broadway, Baltimore MD. Speakers and guests will include: Governor's Office of Initiatives, Ethics Commission, City Council, Baltimore American Indian Center and Attorney General's Office.
- Attended the Baltimore Census Office Grand Opening. Governor Martin O'Malley and Senator Mikulski attended the event and gave remarks. Exchange of information and networking with Elder Ernest D. Randolph (Partnership Specialist, Philadelphia Regional Census Center, US Department of Commerce, US Census Bureau) and Nicolas H Ramos V. (Owner of Arcos Mexican Restaurant & Bar). Location: 250 President Street, 1st Floor Suite 1000, Baltimore MD 21202. Date: January 12th, 2010.
- Assisted Carol Carol L. O'Brien (Program Manager for Native Americans Fort Detrick Equal Employment Opportunity Office 568 Doughten Drive Fort Detrick, MD 21702-5010) with an American Indian Speaker of an event.
- Assisting Esther Melendez and her daughter seeking financial aid for attending Anne Arundel Community College. Seeking outside source thru MCIA contacts. Date: January 13, 2010.
- Meeting with Stryker Sessions's reference to Acorn Fund, Fair Island and MCIA providing education and information on ossuaries. Location: GOCI. Date: January 13, 2010.
- Attended meeting concerning American Indian history, traditions and modern day issues in Maryland. Prince George's County Historical Society is doing a history book from the cultural perspective of the Native American, African American and European. In attendance: Laurence Winston (Glenarden Historical Society - President) and Commissioner Cornelius Red Deer. Locations: GOCI. Date: January 14th, 2010.

Week of January 18th, 2010

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Commission, City Council, Baltimore American Indian Center and Attorney General's Office.

- Attended meeting with John Simermeyer reference to Commissioner Retreat, Cultural Classes and health disparities partnership with Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs. Attendees: Susan Driscoll. Location: Baltimore American Indian Center. Date: January 19, 2010.
- Attended Baltimore American Indian Center Cultural Class on behalf of MCIA as outreach provider. Attendees: (30 students). Location: Baltimore American Indian Center. Date: January 19, 2010.
- Assisted Stephanie Coates - Director of Religious Services, Maryland Division of Correction Office of Programs and Services reference to Native American inmate population incarcerated at the following locations:
 - * Jessup Correctional Institution - JCI
 - * Contact Chaplain Charles Law - 410-799-6100
 - * Western Correctional Institution - WCI
 - * Contact Chaplain Glen Beitzel - 301-729-7145
 - * Maryland Correctional Training Center - MCTC
 - * Contact Chaplain Ismael Abdulmalek - 240-420-1601
 - * Eastern Correctional Institution - ECI
 - * Contact Chaplain Norman Hancock - 410-845-4000

Commissioner Red Deer Allen serves as a point of contact with Ms. Coates concerning hands-on activities. Location: via telephone and email. Date: January 19, 2010.

- Attend Baltimore American Indian Center Cultural Class on behalf of MCIA as outreach provider. Attendees: (TBA). Location: Baltimore American Indian Center. Date: January 21, 2010.

Week of January 25th, 2010

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- Attended Meeting with Holy Cross Hospital concerning Minority Outreach and Technical Assistance (MOTA) programs for 2010. Attendees: Wendy Friar-Director Holy Cross Hospital MOTA grant, Shelly Grant, MOTA partners. Location: Holy Cross Hospital. Date January 22, 2010.
- Presented a Memoriam to Wilson Goins - Community Leader deceased. Signed by Delegate Talmadge Branch. Location: Fayetteville, NC. Date: January 24, 2010.
- Attended training session for MCIA Commissioners Retreat. Citation presented to Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs by Councilman Kraft. Attendees: Tony Bridges, Tony White and Susan Driscoll- Governor's Office of Initiatives, John Simermeyer-Baltimore American Indian Center-Director, James Kraft-City Council, and Phil Deters- Attorney General's Office. Location: Baltimore American Indian Center. Date: January 23, 2010.
- Attended meeting Concerning Piscataway Groups and Recognition. Attendees: Izzy Patoka, David Lee and Susan Driscoll- Governor's

Office of Initiatives, Delegate Peter Murphy, Rico Newman-Traditional Speaker for Piscataway Conoy Petition, Chief Billy Tayac and Mark Tayac- Piscataway Indian Nation Petition.

- Attended Meeting concerning future American Indian Business Conference. Attendees: Susan Driscoll- Governor's Office of Initiatives, Victor Clark, Jr.-Department of Business and Economic Development. Location: GOCI. Date: January 27, 2010.
- Assisted Kathy Crosby-Attorney General Office, with information concerning State and Federal Recognition in Maryland. Via phone. Date: January 28, 2010.
- Attended the Confirmation Hearing on behalf of Lillian Sparks. Attendees: Various United States Senators and Congressmen. Location: Washington, DC. Date: January 28, 2010.
- Attended Baltimore American Indian Center Cultural Class on behalf of MCIA as outreach provider. Attendees: (30 students). Location: Baltimore American Indian Center. Date: January 28, 2010.

Week of February 1, 2010

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- Attended Repatriation Meeting. During meeting I offered comments reference to MCIA connection to Working Group. Attendees: Working Group members, Commissioner Cornelius Red Deer, Carol Ebright, Mike Smolek. Location: 45 Calvert Street, Annapolis MD. Date: January 29, 2010.
- Attended South Broadway Baptist Church Fundraiser. Attendees: Various community members. Location: 211 South Broadway, Baltimore MD. Date: January 30, 2010.
- Attended the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs Public meeting. Location: 580 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis MD. Date: February 1, 2010.
- Cultural Outreach to Southwest Baltimore Charter School. Attendees: Two 1st Grade classes, Latifa Hamid (Contact Person). Location; 31 S. Schroeder Street, Baltimore MD. Date: February 3, 2010.

Week of February 15, 2010

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- February 8-14, no activity due to snow storms and leave from office.
- Assisted Micheal Dennison concerning Bureau of Indian Affairs and Grants as a member of the Cherokee tribe. Via phone. Date: February 16, 2010.
- Assisting Jeanne Dayton-Powell with job placement in connection with Fatima Ball-Workforce Development Center. Via phone. Date: February 18, 2010.

- Contacted Tribal Communities reference to special events planned for 2010. This information will be used to assist and/or partnership with those communities. Awaiting information to be collected. Date: February 18, 2010.
- Attended conference call for MCIA commissioner. Date: February 18, 2010.
- Assist Carol Ebright concerning State Highway Administration, Maryland Historical Society and repatriation issues. Specifically Tuckahoe Site and MD 328 MOA which deal with American Indian remains found at these two locations.
- Attend/conduct cultural presentation on behalf of Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs. Location: South Broadway Baptist Church, Baltimore MD. Date: February 20, 2009.
- Continued planning for American Indian Legislative Reception.
- Continued planning for American Indian Business Conference. This will be rescheduled from March to April due to winter weather conditions in the State.